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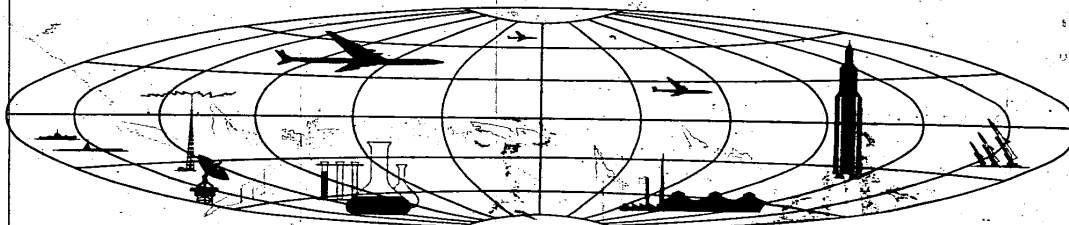
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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MILITARY TRAINING AREA

(46-27N 047-57E)

ASTRAKHAN, ASTRAKHANSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

NORTH CAUCASUS MD

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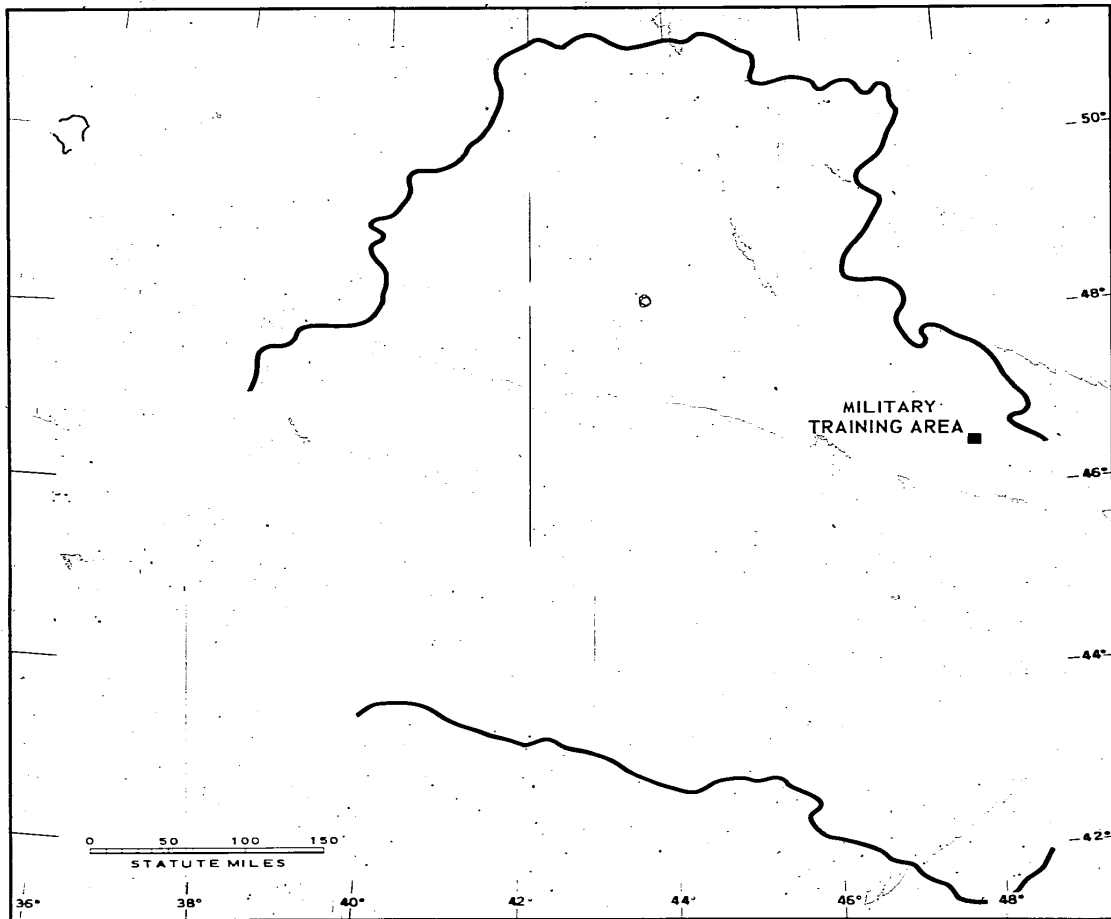


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MILITARY TRAINING AREA.

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FIGURE 2. MILITARY TRAINING AREA, ASTRAKHAN, USSR, [REDACTED]

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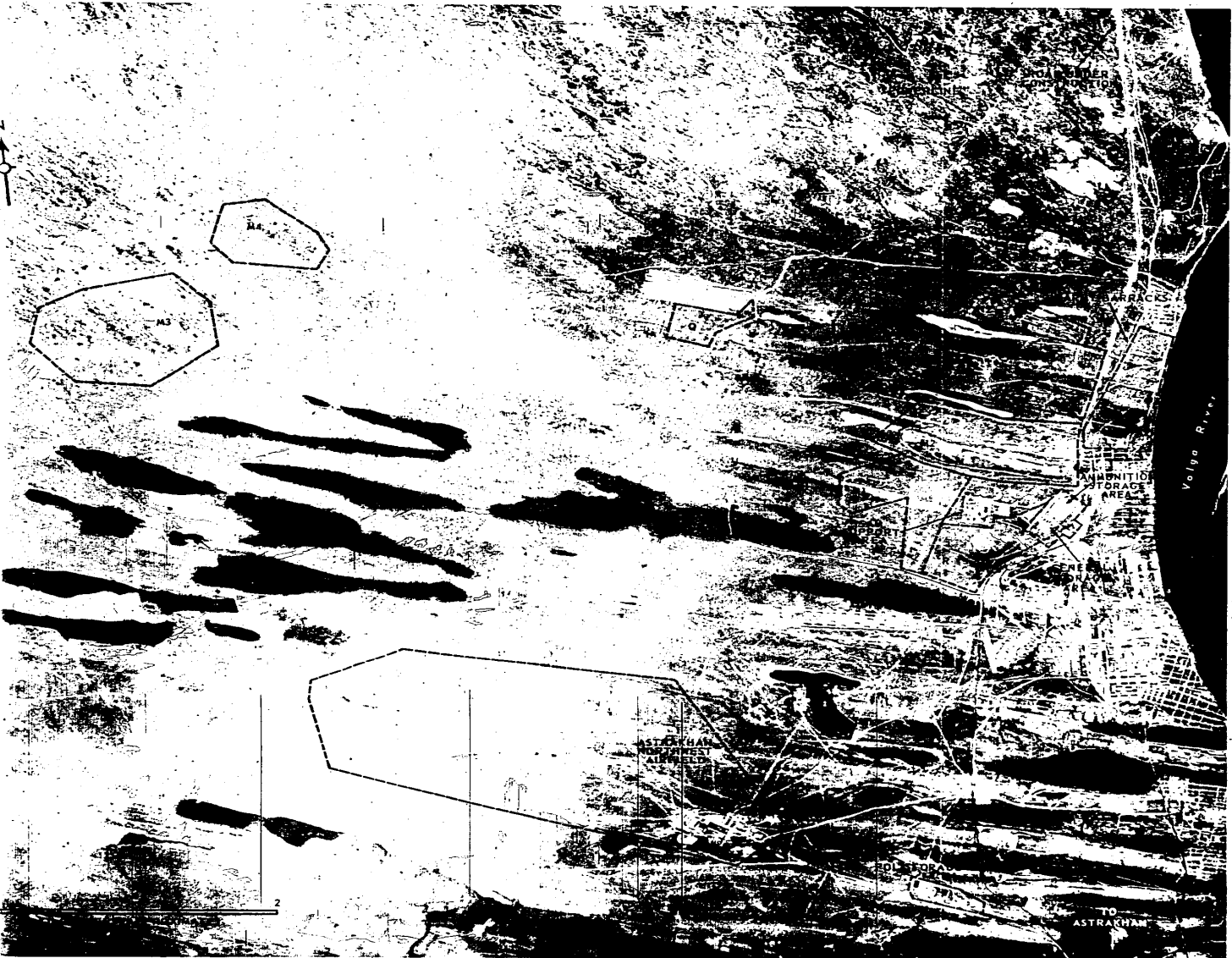


FIGURE 2. MILITARY TRAINING AREA, ASTRAKHAN, USSR, [REDACTED]

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SUMMARY

A military training area is located 15 kilometers (km) north of Astrakhan (Figure 1). The training area is associated with an army barracks installation immediately east.

The military training area covers approximately 55 km square and contains 3 armored-vehicle firing ranges, 2 armored-vehicle and 2 probable wheeled-vehicle driver-training courses, a field artillery battery, and a series

of personnel trenches (Figure 2). Other facilities in close proximity to the training installation include a general storage area, an ammunition storage area, a SAM site, and a SAM support area.

The training area is covered on KEY-HOLE missions between [REDACTED]. Comparative analysis reveals no significant change since [REDACTED].

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Road Service

Dirt and gravel roads provide access to a main highway serving Astrakhan.

Aircraft Landing Strip

The Astrakhan Northwest Airfield is 4 km southwest.

POL Storage Area

A POL storage and pumping station is 5.5 km south.

Driver-Training Areas

Area M1 contains an armored-vehicle driver-training course with 3 obstacles and an observation tower.

Area M2 contains an armored-vehicle driver-training course with a large oval track.

Area M3 contains a probable wheeled-vehicle driver-training course.

Area M4 contains a probable wheeled-vehicle driver-training course.

Tank Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1 contains a 8,900-foot range with three 1,400-foot firing lanes, three 1,300-foot firing lanes, and 6 moving-target runs.

Area N2 contains a 7,100-foot range with three 2,100-foot firing lanes, 2 moving-target runs, and 6 to 10 possible stationary targets.

Area N3 contains a 3,200-foot range with two 1,800-foot firing lanes and stationary targets.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

Area Q contains a field artillery battery with 10 to 12 firing positions.

Infantry or Combined-Arms Field Training Area

Area R contains personnel trenches.

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